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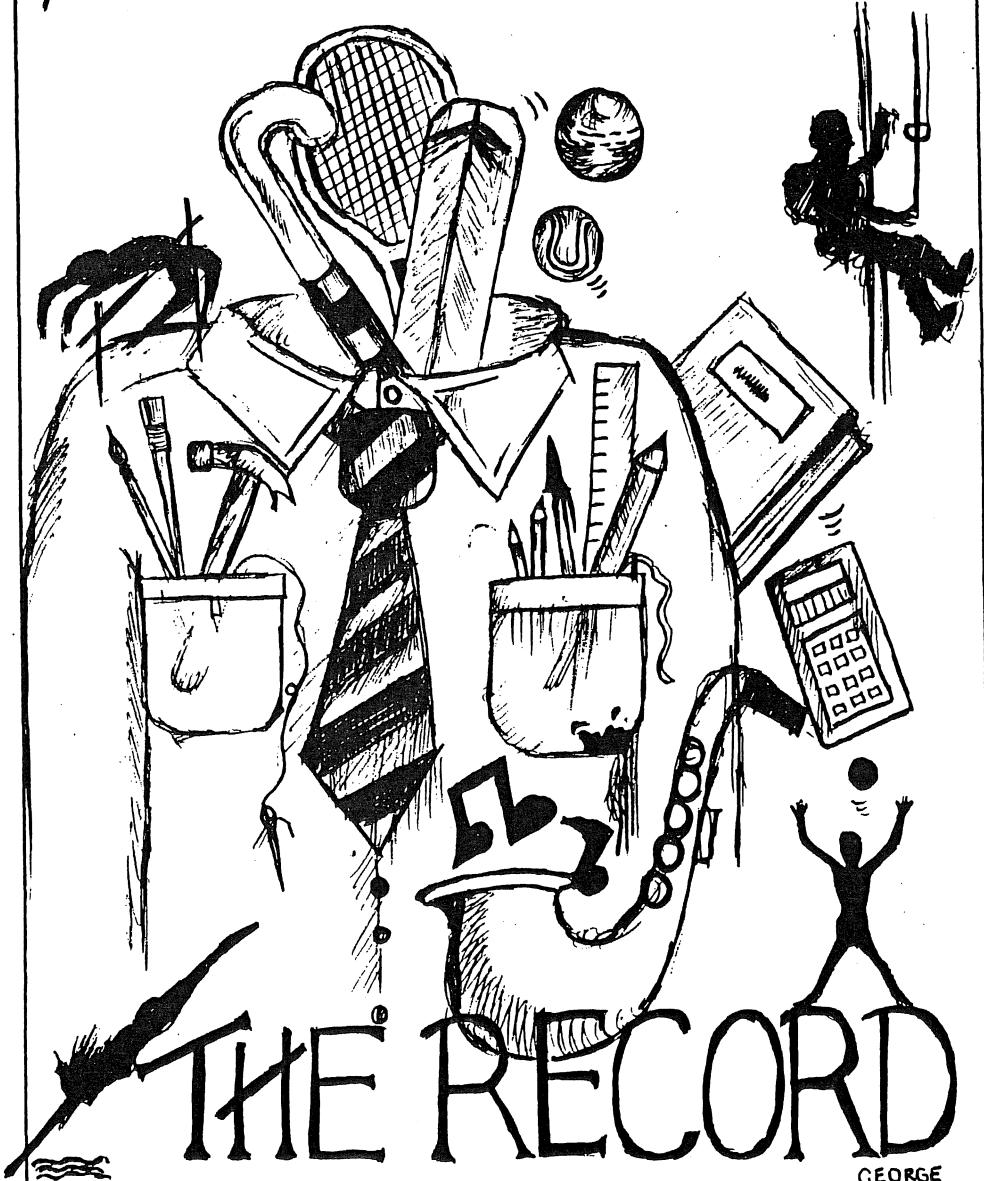
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## **FROM IRON MAIDEN TO ABBA**

The day was Friday 27th November. At last the final hour had come for the "Battle of the Bands". Fans swarmed into the school hall while backstage the tension was rising.

To open the competition Kel and Mim showed out with their dancing feet. Next came the Beastie Boys/Run DMC/Madness - whose single lensed glasses were a real smash - followed by the Nolan sisters who exploded into song with their inflatable chests. We then travelled to a quaint old English pub where Chas 'n Dave played on the old Joanna (or should I say an ironing board) and clapped so perfectly out of time.

Then the time had come which was to make history at AGS .... it was IRON MAIDEN. The crowd became wild with excitement as we fought our way through the screaming fans - well first formers at any rate. We began to play our riff: Bruce Dickinson (alias Carolyn Pain) burst into the song "Aces High" whilst sliding across the stage on his/her backside. All around us the fans were moshing and the judges seemed stunned into a shocked silence. Did it have something to do with the fact that one of their colleagues, Dave Murray (alias Mr. Wood) was getting on down to the music while playing a guitar solo on his trusty T square? The other members of the band were Adrian Smith (Renny Badham) who lapped up the opportunity to pose with his new guitar (shame about the string Ren!) and Steve Harris (Sarah Walker) who livened up the crowd by splitting his/her red and white spotted shorts.

Due to our act exciting and stirring up the crowd "Abba" had it easy. They sang "Waterloo" whilst playing cardboard guitars and wearing A-line skirts with blocker-boots. It did not take long for the judges to reach a decision: obviously Iron Maiden had to win. The Nolan sisters were also joint first. This was because they had paid their fans to support them.

All money raised was donated to the "Children in Need" appeal. Maybe next year we will see Mr. Woodcock performing as Cliff Richard or Miss Bywater as Kylie Minogue. Nothing is impossible at AGS.

*Carolyn Pain and Sarah Walker L6*

## **BARNARDO'S 1987-88**

Although we have not raised as much money as last year, our efforts have still been very pleasing. At Christmas we collected £169.15 which was more than last year; this sum included proceeds from the non-uniform day and also the Christmas label appeal in which the first and second formers took part.

In April the collection boxes were emptied raising £261.17, (slightly less than last year) and making a total for 1987-88 of £430.30 which has been sent to Barnardo's. I am very grateful to all our young people who have contributed, but I would like to mention especially Kirsteen Richardson, Dawn Clee and Emma Pinches who collected over £10 in each of their boxes.

Twenty-one members of the first forms have volunteered to become new members so carrying on the school tradition of support for Barnardo's. This is most encouraging.

*L.D.*

## THE DARK

I'm always the one to switch off the landing light before going to sleep and the journey from the light switch to my bed is the longest in the world.

"You are last tonight," my brother giggles and fear strikes me immediately. I turn off the light. All is silent but I can see faces in the walls and things seem to breathe as I breathe and hold their breath when I hold mine. I think of the daylight streaming through the windows and children playing outside. All seems fine until I open my eyes. There's that face grinning at me again. I'm not scared I say. That tingling down my back is just my nightie label. I'm not scared. That screeching outside is only a car putting its brakes on.

CRASH! I jump into bed. Thank goodness I'm back.

*Catherine Bussey 1m*

(Catherine was awarded the Audrey Webley Junior Prize for "The Dark")

## HONG KONG

On December 16th 1987 a group of 14 young people, 4 leaders (and two young children) left Gatwick airport on an 18 hour flight to Hong Kong international airport. The young people came from all parts of the Midlands, and were aiming for the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award by completing the expedition (a 50 mile hike over 4 days and 3 nights with camping) and the residential qualification (helping and living in close contact with other people for 5 days and 4 nights).

One very different feature of how things work in Hong Kong is their public transport. It can cost up to £300 per week for a car space (the same price as a flat) and so the public transport is very cheap (4p for a trip on the famous Star Ferry for example).

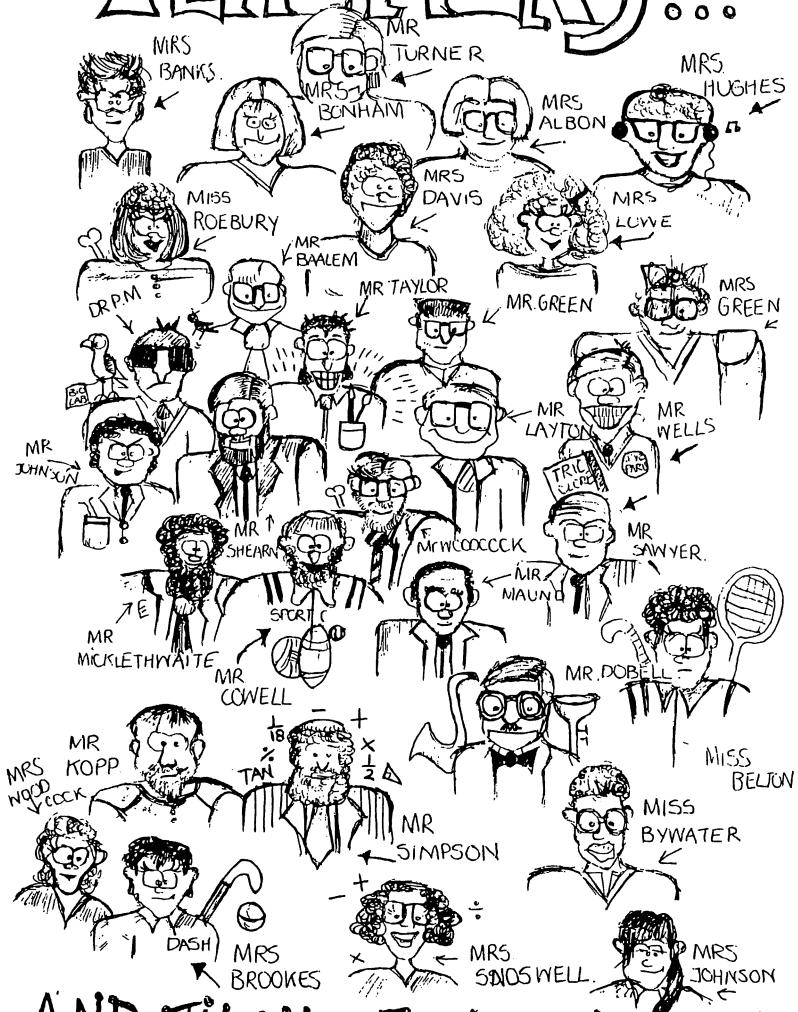
Hong Kong is a beautiful mix of old and new, of western and eastern customs. All the people out there speak Cantonese and English, eat with chopsticks as well as knives and forks, listen to classical Chinese music as well as western rock. The mixture is very hard to comprehend and ??????, with shops open 24 hours a day, Christmas Day included. The scenery is also very contrasting, beautiful mountains and skyscrapers in the same photograph.

The trip to Beizing (Peking) was quite amazing; it was another contrast altogether. China was so cold, but Hong Kong was very hot. Everything in China was so traditional and old fashioned. We walked on the Great Wall, walked around the Ming tombs, went to ???? ?? ??? square (Mao's tomb is there) met Pandas in the???? Beizing Zoo, went to numerous temples and to the Summer Palace, where Marco Polo once stayed.

For me the highlight of the China visit was the Imperial Palace (the Forbidden City as it used to be called). That was quite beautiful. I would say to anyone that the East is well worth visiting; the people are friendly and I would go back anytime. I would just like to say "thank you" to everyone who made the trip possible.

*Joanna Pinfold, 16*

# TEACHERS ...



AND THEIR FEATURES!

## THE SCHOOL PANTO - A ROCK EXTRAVAGANZA

Zowie! Another day in the hard life of a mega rock star (yours truly) ended with a playout of a rock classic, performed by those hyper rockers - the great "Spanish Inquisition", with their rendition of AC/DC's "Whole Lotta Rosie".

The storyline so far:- The actors were available, a month until Christmas, the plot laid out, BUT NO SCRIPT !!! Panic had struck in to the hearts of those involved, especially into that of Steve Day the scriptwriter and director of the production.

Eventually the script emerged from the depths of a cold dark room in a hidden secluded zone of the school, and rehearsals began. These were at first very scarce and unpublicised events, hence the low attendance, but were soon panic-filled humorous disasters. The final rehearsal on the Friday morning before the show went on was the first time some scenes had been rehearsed.

The atmosphere on the Friday afternoon could have been cut with a knife. The band had sound checked slightly before the performance to get the desired effect (overpowering vocals, loads of distorted guitars, thunderous bass) proving to our stand-in drummer Adriano Dionisi, an ex-student, that we really wouldn't be ready.

The plot - Santa (Damon Foster) is bored with Christmas. He needs a change from the normal and decides to lead a new life as a singer for a heavy metal band. After his unexpected departure ten days before Christmas his wife, Mary Christmas (Rachael Sawtell), hires the world famous detectives Maddie (Amanda Heath) and David (Steve Day). After a short talk on politics and sport from Mark Seed and Kerith Rees, Santa meets the band (Renny Badham, Adriano Dionisi, Mark Field and, of course, myself) for the audition.

Meanwhile, evil goings on in the castle of Count Dracula (Toby Lenehan). An appearance of the beards/ZZ Top/three bearded teachers (Kerith Rees, James Beck and Chris Brazier) warranted the removal of the famous Renny Badham, who is then seduced by the dominating Lady Fantasia (Jo Pinches). This prompted the appearance of Jim Bowen (Duncan Edwards) and his self-written show (BEND THAT BULLY !!) with the guest appearance of Anneka Rice (Annette Banham).

The more astute members of the school may have noticed how short and rushed the second half of the panto was. This was because an awful amount of material had to be cut out due to the shortage of time. Fortunately the band scenes had been left in and the audience were still subjected to the talent of some of the school's most (or is it least ?) talented musicians. Take it from me, it all ended "happily ever after."

Jon Elliott, L6

*"She could work over the hurdles" says S.A.P. "if she would only run."*

*If, says E.H. the ocean floor is muddy, it will be dirty and wet.*

*A third-former when asked if she had lost a blue pen inquired  
"What colour is it?"*

## A NEW TRADITION

On the morning of every Boxing Day for some years past, the rugby match between an AGS team made up of past and present pupils and an Alcester Rugby Club team has played a prominent part in the social calendar. It is an opportunity to meet old friends and reminisce over times past. This year was no exception; over 150 spectators saw a thrilling game. Jim Toseland tells me that the school has won four times in all over the years.

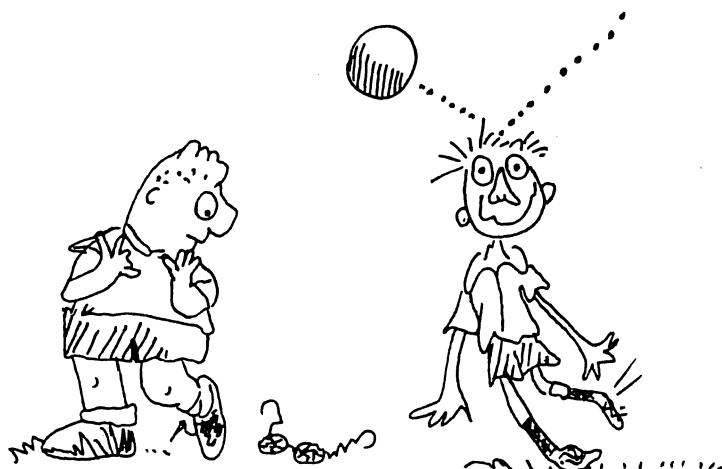
Damon Foster led the AGS past & present team with great enthusiasm, but he and Tony Higgins could have equally well played for the Rugby Club. Patrick Seeney on the other hand, although in the Rugby Club side would have been just as much at home in the AGS team as an Old Scholar. Also in The AGS side was Chris Burgess, who was introduced to Rugby at the school and has gone on to play for the England U21 XV! In a thrilling finish, AGS past and present almost lost the lead to the Rugby Club, but managed to keep victory out of the jaws of defeat with the score standing at 16-13 when the final whistle blew.

The past and present team consisted of:

Phil Teasdale, Steve Shirley, Jim Toseland,  
Richard Brice, Paul Humphries, David Holloway,  
Andrew Thomson, James Beck, Paul Brice, Richard Russell,  
Damon Foster, Chris Burgess, Neil Morland,  
Matthew Farmer, Steven Mitchell, Tony Higgins,  
Dominic Hurley, Kerith Rees, Howard Lewis-Jones and Max Harris.

Make a note in your diary to come along on Boxing Day morning in 1988.

D.C.



## DIARY OF A FASHION SHOW

AUTUMN TERM 1987, REGISTRATION, ROOM 19, 9.00 A.M.

Jo Pinches : "Why don't we do a fashion show to raise money for Karen Bradbury?"

Lorraine : "Yeah, fantastic idea . . . . but who's Karen Bradbury?"

Jo : "She's a former pupil who still needs medical help after a car accident."

Annette : "Brilliant. Mrs. Hughes, can we organize a fashion show?"

### LATE NOVEMBER

A letter was typed (help from Granny Banham) and 15 copies were photocopied (c.o. daddy Banham) and a smart (?) Jo and Annette, looking debonair and charming (i.e. creepy) delivered them all to the trendy shops in Stratford.

Thanks to much flattery and eye-fluttering, the owners of 'Slick '56' were persuaded to support the show. 'Benetton' rang and also said "yes" but as for the other shops' response ..... what response? However a second letter brought agreement from 'Burton'. Mr. Wood (a parent) most kindly agreed to provide another vital component - a catwalk, so with basic essentials we decided to go ahead.

"We got the shops Mr. Shearn!"

"Oh great" . . . . . I guess we missed the inward sigh.

A date was fixed - two weeks before the Easter hols. But due to a "misunderstanding" about the music time flew and NOTHING got done.

However a week before the Easter hols 1988, a kind of urgency and realisation of time set in. A list of people for lights, sound and modelling etc. was drawn up. Easter hols - two rehearsals took place - walking and routines practised.

Back to school - Summer Term - 10 days to go. Cries of "Help" from the three of us and "They'll never do it; it'll be a flop" from everybody else.

### MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Annette and Lorraine ILL! (NB Mr. Johnson, ILL!! Not skiving as a certain cynical member of staff may have suggested! COINCIDENCE but true.) NOTHING DONE!

### WEDNESDAY - EIGHT SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

Adrian plus penknife started on lights. As difficulties cropped up over places to rehearse, tension set in, but we had a rehearsal at 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY - SEVEN SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

Trip to 'Burton'. Some boys tried on half the shop; others needed forcing by the efficient, fashion-conscious girls, to try on one outfit. Great fun, and the boys unanimously threatened to help girls sort out clothes at 'Benetton!' Dangerous!

### FRIDAY - SIX SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

Trip to Birmingham University - no progress

### WEEKEND

Getting everyone to the rehearsal at the same time proved impossible. No progress.

### MONDAY - FIVE SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

Everyone started pulling together. Technicalities were sorted out by Adrian Barlow, Jon Elliott and Andrew Guthrie. "Podge" (Mark Field) sold tickets (including during a fire drill!).

### TUESDAY - FOUR DAYS TO GO

Major panic when 'Benetton' decided that they couldn't go ahead. After many phone calls they agreed to supply "One or two outfits per model!". Rehearsal again 'till 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY - THREE DAYS TO GO

Spent much of the day in Mr. Shearn's office, trying to sort out collecting clothes, lights etc. Had rehearsal during the afternoon, and went round various shops, restaurants etc., in Alcester collecting prizes donated for raffle. Went over to 'Benetton'; got 4 or 5 outfits per girl. 'ICS' also agreed to supply some clothes.

#### THURSDAY - TWO DAYS TO GO

The catwalk was set up, adjustments to lights, sound etc. Carpet collected and laid. Clothes collected from 'Benetton'. Caz and Annette flattered 'Slick '56' owners into giving us the outfits we wanted. 'The Alcester Chronicle' Photographer came, and more raffle prizes were collected.

#### FRIDAY - THE DAY

Near panic! Hall and catwalk made ready. Flowers arrived from 'Fair Deal Florists', sound and lights were tested and routines practised. The rest of the clothes were collected (fewer than we hoped in some cases). Chaos backstage as clothes and models were sorted out by brilliant backstage dressers. Last details were sorted out, and on time the show started! Rapidly, it seemed, the first show was over without major problems.

#### SATURDAY

Everyone was less tired and more relaxed and the show went OK. Afterwards we cleared up some of the mess and went to the backstage party.

#### SUNDAY

Rest of the hall cleared up; Podge and Adrian were brilliant. Many thanks to them and everyone else who helped in "The First AGS Fashion Show". We raised over £400.

It will mainly be remembered as brilliant fun by everyone involved.

Annette Banham and Lorraine Hill

#### ODDS & ENDS FROM THE RECORD

#### JULY 1926 : GEOGRAPHY

*If the last man who swam the channel only got half-way across, what were the prevailing winds which blew over the equator at 2.50 a.m. on the morning of April 31st, B.C. 99?*

#### DECEMBER 1925 : ENGLISH

*Give the context of the following, explaining all difficulties and indicating all points of literary interest:*

*"How doth the little busy bee  
Delight to bark and bite."*

*(The answer must not consist of more than 10 sheets of foolscap. Add sketch map if necessary)*

#### DECEMBER 1925

*The football team has been presented with a set of nets which, asserts G.S. are to assist the goalkeeper in stopping the ball.*

## FOUR PLAYER CHESS

Yet again, Alcester Grammar School has another first - chess for four players. Conceived and designed by Merrick Feast of the Lower Sixth, with some help from his friends, this innovation has pushed back the barriers of chess still further.

It is played with two different sets of pieces and an extended board, with an extra two by eight squares where the pieces start. Any person with a basic knowledge of chess can play, because the point of the game is still to checkmate the other three players.

Each player starts on his own side of the board, moving towards the centre and competing against the other three players. The pieces still have the same moves.

Jeff Ratcliffe, L6

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS

Our students have continued to be successful in their work for the Duke of Edinburgh's awards. Bronze awards were obtained by Andrew Childs, Robin Harris, Paul Winsper and Ros Ullman, and Maia Beckett was granted the silver, as was Eleanor Pinfold. Eleanor obtained her award independently of the school's organisation of the Duke of Edinburgh's work.

J.M.L.

## SNOWY COLD

*Staring out of the window,  
Watching sparkling snow flakes  
gracefully glide by.  
Each one an individual,  
With its own shape and  
glorious glistening.*

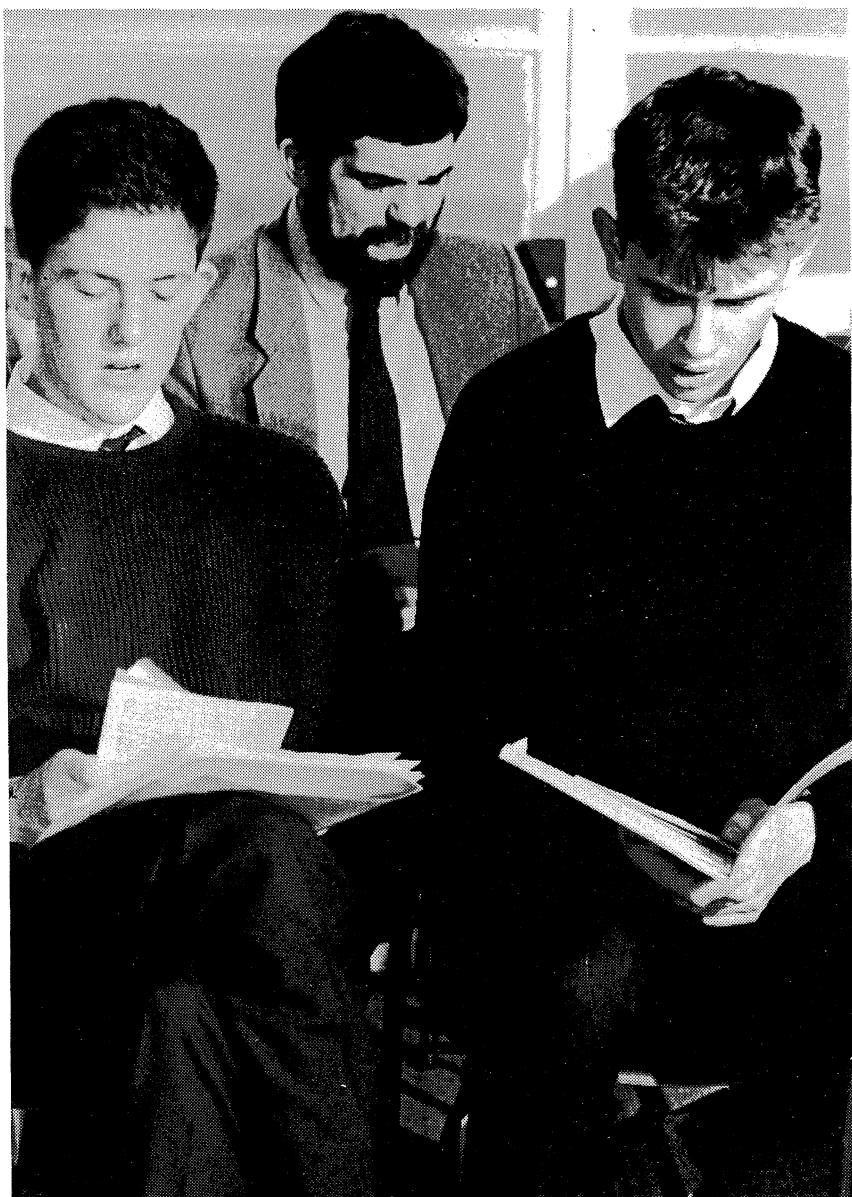
*Trees like big bulky  
polar bears,  
Shimmering in the bright  
moonlight.*

*The garden gnomes  
Stand cold and quiet  
And nothing seems to stir  
Nothing,  
Nothing,  
Nothing seems to stir.*

Lucy Davies 1m

**Simultaneous Chess for "Children In Need"**





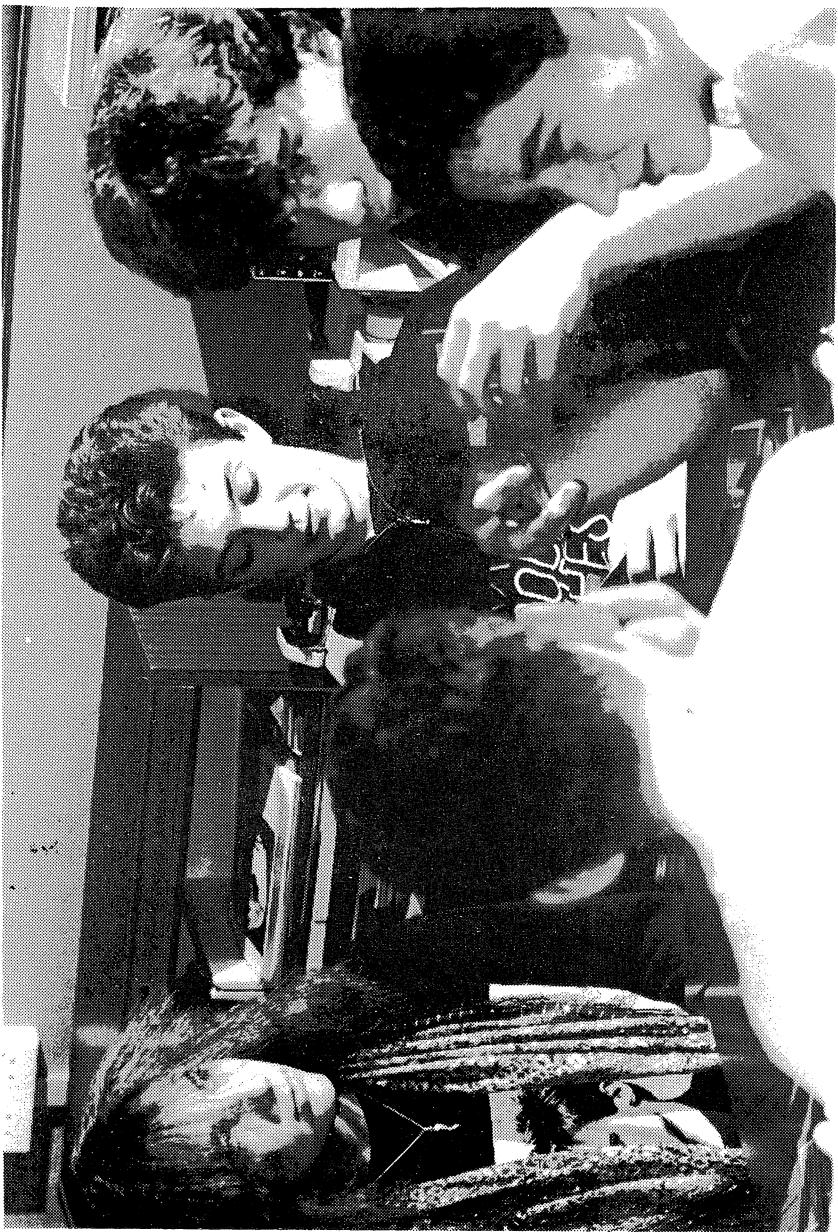
**Senior Choir in Rehearsal**

**Our Team Comes Second in the "Ideas Into Action" Contest**



"Lark Rise" - Stage Managers' Conference





All Night Games Marathon for "Children In Need"



**The First XV Plays K.E.S.**



**Fencing Club**

# HAMPTON LOADE



Railway Enthusiasts at Hampton Loade Station on the SVR

## SPRING TERM

Shortly after the spring term began, students from AGS entered the regional heat of the BAYS "Ideas into Action" competition and one of our teams came second. Along with mock exams came visits from eminent speakers to BAYS meetings and money raising efforts for "Comic Relief Day".

Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Green took a party of 5th and 6th form art students to Paris and railway enthusiasts enjoyed an outing around the Midland network organised by Mr. Johnson and Dr. Preston-Mafham.

After half-term the annual music competition took place, shortly followed by the arrival of a party of students from Germany on their exchange visit. Rehearsals and performances of the school play entitled "Lark Rise" preceded a trip to the England versus Spain hockey international at Wembley. Towards the end of the term 12 junior pupils ran the marathon distance in legs of 800m to raise money for charity and "The Messiah" was performed in St. Nicholas Church. The term ended with Rag Week, outstanding features of which were the Rag Ball and a giant-lager-can-pull to Stratford.



### **CAUTIONARY TALES I : THE PIPER**

*The bright blues she wore swore a promise of gold  
And she played such a blue skies tune to the town  
From under a capital flag piped blue notes  
And into the river the vermin ran down*

*The fattest rats hit the water the hardest  
And those who fed off the frail coming hither  
Climbed high as the flag, to bite fruits ripe and rich  
Then fell down to drown in the deep blue river*

*When people of England could pay her no gold  
A darker blue yet did her piccolo find  
Her notes led astray their children, their futures  
And chances and left only crippled behind*

*Vici*

(Vici was awarded the Audrey Webley Prize for "The Piper")

### **MY TRIP TO WARWICK UNIVERSITY – THE SMALLPIECE TRUST**

I went to the University on an engineering course for 14-16 year olds, sponsored by the Smallpiece Trust. The purpose of the event was to show us how enjoyable engineering could be and how important it was. At first I was really nervous since I did not know any of my fellow students, but everyone else was in the same boat.

Our first "design and make" project was to produce a 1/4 scale model of a conventional wheelbarrow in 2 hours and 30 minutes, then "sell" our product to the judges. My team came 4th out of 30 teams entered.

Day 2 started off with a talk from a representative from Land Rover Ltd. We then started on project 2 - to make a flying machine which would travel along a wire dropping eggs at distances of 5 and 10 metres. Needless to say most of the machines were failures; ours was an exception. We then had to build an inflatable raft and great fun was had when we tried them out in the swimming pool.

On day 3 we met Professor Heinz Wolff (of "Great Egg Race" fame) before starting on our next task - to design and build a go-cart in 5 hours. Most of the carts broke at the starting line when tested, but my team's effort did at least reach the finishing post in one piece. The evening was spent boogying away at a disco.

Day 4 began with an interesting exhibition, followed by a humorous talk entitled "Careering On". At the close of the course prizes were awarded to the groups judged to have come 1st 2nd and 3rd, but everyone was given a prize - a mini tool set.

In conclusion I would like to say that I had a wonderful time, made many new friends from all over the country and learnt a tremendous amount - all thanks to the Smallpiece Trust.

*Sue Roberts, 3m*

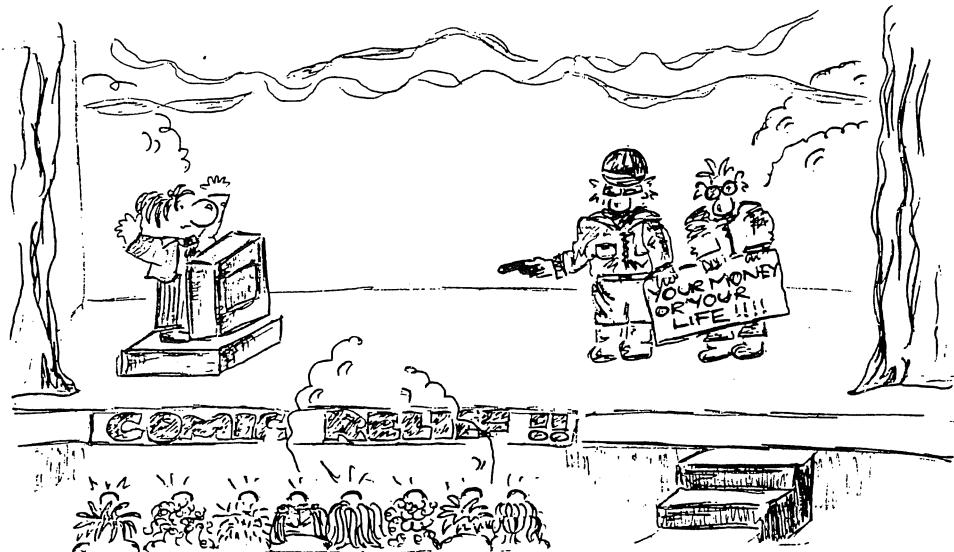
## COMIC RELIEF DAY 1988

On February 5th AGS once again exhibited its charitable spirit - this time in the form of red noses! The large demand and yet rather short supply of the genuine articles did not deter the disappointed many who appeared in either ingeniously converted egg boxes and ping-pong balls, or smothered in lipstick.

Despite difficulties the turn-out was great throughout the whole school, staff included, with even Mr. Turner (under the persuading influence of various fourth formers) wearing a nose piece. However, wearing a red nose alone was not enough for the keen fund-raisers. During the day, bizarre adaptions of the school uniform were seen and the sweet and melodious strains of the "Neighbours" theme were heard from the canteen, while inside another student was performing an Irish jig on one of the tables in response to charity donations.

In fact, due to the vast number of individually organised attempts at music making and other forms of fund raising it is impossible to calculate how much money was raised in all, but we are confident that it was a lot. The national total of £13,000,000 went towards caring for people in Africa (including famine victims) and to children's charities in Britain.

Anne Broomhall, L6



## **SENIOR PREFECTS 1988-89**

Head Boy	:	Andrew Yates
Head Girl	:	Philippa Holloway
Deputies	:	Lorraine Hill and Neil Morland

## **JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP**

Over the years junior drama groups have come into being, flickered briefly, then faded into oblivion. It was particularly pleasing this year therefore to find one flourishing under the inspiration of Katie Bellamy, Helen Blakely and Jo Reid and reaching the point where it was able to present its first production - "Captain Kipper" by Brian Cant of "Playaway" fame - at the end of the Autumn Term.

The short play, full of excruciating puns, was so well received that it had to be performed twice!

*L.C.G.*

## **RAG WEEK '88**

As I remember from my years as a Junior, Rag Week was always the time of the year when the sixth form went totally mad and did some very silly things, all for a good cause. I realise now that although it is fun, a lot of hard work goes into it and we're mad all the time!

The week started with an assembly starring Dracula, Frankenhiggins and Mrs. Lowe, pointing out the events going on and the charities involved i.e. "The Leukaemia Research Fund", Birmingham Childrens' Hospital and Aids research. Among the events were the Russian Omlette, Disco Dancing Competition, Treasure Hunt, Lines of Pennies and of the ever-popular Watersplash; we are indebted to Lee Wright of 1s for making the latter such a success! New events this year were Sumo Wrestling and the Junior Disco evening.

The push/pull to Stratford was based on a gigantic Foster's Lager can made of hardboard by Bob Jones and Richard Masterson and others, to commemorate Australia's 200th birthday. This event in itself raised well over £200.

Perhaps the climax of Rag Week for the sixth form is the Rag Ball and I think that this year's was an exceptional success. Even now (May '88), there is still some money to come and the sum raised to date is over £1100. Let this be an incentive for next year's upper sixth.

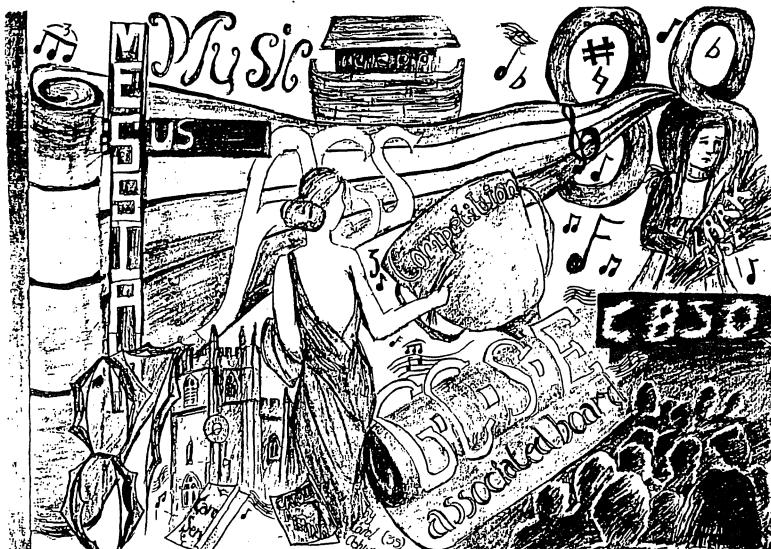
Many thanks to all those who helped, in particular to the other members of the Rag Week Committee who worked so hard to get everything off the ground and made Rag Week '88 such an overwhelming success.

*Caz, U6  
Chairperson  
Rag Week Committee 1988*

## THE BOTTLE

*Sparkling water trickles over jagged rocks,  
Splashing merrily down stream,  
A bottle bobs on an eddy of water,  
It gets entwined with reeds,  
Like a person hanging on a branch for safety.  
The undercurrent swirls.  
For a moment the bottle lingers by the bank,  
As if reluctant to leave,  
then it is torn away,  
is swept to the centre of the river,  
and on towards the sea.*

Imogen Wade



## THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

The Monday morning of the lower 6th Geography group's banishment to North Wales came. Miss Belton's speedy driving enabled us to arrive in Barmouth in time for a quick dip in the freezing sea before being thrown into some hard labour: a town study of the fun-packed holiday resort of Barmouth.

Arriving at the Youth Hostel, boys were assigned to the cowshed and girls to the V.I.P. quarters. Then somebody trying to be a David Bailey cum David Attenborough climbed into private fields to take photos of the 'sweet' sheep. The welcome they received from the Welsh farmer was not very welcoming and was closely followed by a quick sprint back down the hill.

As is usually the case, the first raucous night left everyone as fresh as a dead weed and unprepared for the next morning's climb up Cader Idris. We started in the Tal-y-llyn valley and were all thoroughly wet and tired when we reached Llyn Cau. But all were still in a good humour, even Neil who disappeared up to his waist in a well-camouflaged bog. Steve had obviously enjoyed this vigorous walk so much that he had split his trousers.

The third morning was reserved for the river study. Much heavy rain had raised the water level and Helen Farmer and Adam Hill soon discovered the strength of the current. Becky Palmer and Rhys Davies on the other hand, went swimming on purpose. The afternoon was spent studying sand dunes and pole vaulting and diving off their crests, breaking a ranging pole in the process. In the evening the Great Football Match took place. After the first kick the score was 1-0 to the river!! In despair we resorted to the nature centre with the King George III pub conveniently close by. The nature visit did not last too long.

On the last day we went off to do one last town study in Dolgellau. Whilst trying to do a survey on unwilling and unhelpful Welsh people, the quote of the week came from the teacher of the other group in the hostel who said "Haven't you done enough work already?" What could we say? We replied, bleary-eyed, brain-drained and mentally exhausted: "No sir, we thrive on geography!"

At last we finished and set off home, subdued by the prospect of a massive project and poisoned by the fumes from the minibus's exhaust, supposedly fixed at a Welsh garage.

However, everyone enjoyed the four days and our thanks go to Mr. Shearn, Miss Belton and Mrs. Johnson for putting up with us even though we were all little angels.

Carolyn Pain and Liz Cox, L6

"*Some dead frogs have escaped from the chemistry lab.*" complains H.E.H.

*We learn from a member of staff that his watch can do a minute in 50 seconds.*

*What member of staff wrote "If this curve is a straight line...?"*

## J.A.G.'s PROBLEM PAGE – OR WHY DO A 'SCHOOL PLAY'

Of the many problems to be solved when putting on a school play, choosing which one to do is the worst. I looked at "Lark Rise"; cheerful, full of characters, fast moving - and full of males! I had to use subterfuge to drag the immense amount of talent in the Sixth Form Common Room into the open, but ended up with a cast of actors which matched the talents and energy of the less reluctant actresses.

So the first problem was solved. Others arose. Take accents for example. The play is set in 19th century Oxfordshire. We settled for "Mummerset" - a rural area stretching from South Yorkshire to Cornwall.

The music was another problem. We had no score for the many songs in the play. I approached the GCSE music group and sure enough found more talent there when they agreed to compose and perform the music we needed.

As rehearsals got going, other little problems arose. How was Laurie Brain to change from the squire to a geriatric farm worker in a matter of seconds? Where could Mrs. Peverill's washing line go? Would Edmund recover from bronchitis? Could we find enough farm boots? How could we fit in with Mock 'A' level exams?

Technical hitches were overcome by Adrian Barlow and Jonathan Elliott, who co-ordinated the two separate control boards with the aid of closed circuit television. Stagehands perched at the top of scaffolding towers were instructed by Adrian on where to shine the follow spots. Generally the difficult task of lighting an in-the-round performance was well done.

Kirsteen Richardson lived a troglodyte existence as wardrobe mistress, under the stage with a motley collection of smocks and sun-bonnets and even in the end found enough boots.

Programmes were printed, beautifully designed by Richard Woore, and plenty of tickets were sold. Dress rehearsal was blighted by the news that the Cheapjack - the most verbose part - had fallen and broken his jaw! Toby Lenehan stepped in at the last moment, and had the first performance as his dress rehearsal.

The audiences were never a problem. They seemed to enjoy our attempt at what is a difficult play, and in the end, the whole project was enjoyable and entertaining. I think that we might do something else next year.

J.A.G.

"We filled a basin three-quarters full with acid," writes R.J.W., "and added an equal amount of water."

"The test for this gas is to smell it; it is extremely poisonous."

Our latest formula:



"My grandfather" writes R.M., "has a pig which he kills every so often."

## SUMMER TERM

With A and O levels looming the summer term started - by no means quietly - with the staging of a very successful fashion show and a production of "Noyes Fludde". The lower 6th Biology group visited Marle Hall for its annual field course and the expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh's awards took place. There were more BAYS meetings with visiting speakers.

In May the staff entertained the upper 6th to coffee on their last formal day at school. Soon afterwards the French exchange party left for Le Loroux-Bottereau and another group left for North West Scotland for a week of camping and mountain exploration. Sporting events included a visit to the Alexandria Stadium in Birmingham to see potential Olympic athletes competing, and a trip to Wimbledon to see the quarter final of the mens' singles.

In July the lower 6th Geology group went to Cumbria for its field course and large numbers of prospective lower 6th students came in for their two induction days.

Yet another successful year drew appropriately to an end with an amazing concert, with excerpts from musicals including "Cats" and "Evita", performed by 3rd year pupils and others.



**EXHILARATING...FUN...EXCITING...FANTASTIC  
...cries of "OH NO! NOT  
BAYS**

Yes! BAYS! The schools branch of the British Association of Young Scientists took off in November when we entered 3 teams of 5 for the BAYS "Ideas into Action" competition, Midland section. Lunchtime practising paid off at the real thing at Stoke-on-Trent Museum and Art Gallary on January 16 when two of our teams came a very close second and third out of 25.

The programme of talks started on February 2 with a talk entitled "Twenty five Years of Space Research" by Dr. Simnett from the University of Birmingham; 25 students waited behind after school to hear him. Other talks have included "Weather on Other Worlds" by Dr. Ian James from the University of Reading and "Medicine at the Olympics" by Dr. Howell-Jones from Coventry; all were well-attended. These talks, interesting for anyone of a vaguely scientific turn of mind, were followed by the privilege of entering the Upper Sixth Common Room (Gosh! Gasp!) for coffee, biscuits and chats on science or ....whatever. Meanwhile a team (accompanied by Mrs. Lowe) went to Worcester Guildhall to compete in the junior "Ideas into Action" competition along similar lines to the one in January in Stoke-on-Trent.

The last event of the summer was a visit to a freshwater ecology site in Hampton Wood near Hampton Lucy on a beautiful warm summer's evening with the chance to get thoroughly soaked in the River Avon if you felt so inclined. Tea in a bluebell wood was followed by 20 minutes of woodland ecology. All this was under the guidance of Dr. Duncan Jeffries of the Warwickshire Nature Conservation Trust.

All members of BAYS receive "Scope" the quarterly magazine with articles like "Alternatives To Animal Experimentation", "How to See Through The Eye Of A Seacow" and "How 80 grams Of Paper Makes A Bridge Able To Support A Person". So: If you are scientific, geographic, technological, a UCCA form fanatic or if you just want to get into the Upper 6th Common Room with shouts of "Get out you \*\*\*\*\* underling!",

then

join BAYS

*Lorraine Hill (Chairman)  
Annette Banham (Hon. Secretary)*

**NOYES'S FLUDDE**

Mr. Dobell is a member of "ARC '88" and their first concert was a production of "Noye's Fludde", the Chester Miracle Play, set to Music by Benjamin Britten. It was performed on the 30th April.

Myself, Imogen Wade, Kate Morley, Linda Jones, Christopher Last and Giles Gasper, made up a tiny minority of the cast, playing Noye's sons and their wives. There were many other participants, such as Mrs. Noye's gossips (played by members of the 3rd year choir), and the animals. Noye was played by a professional called Geoffrey Faultless, and Noye's wife was played by Gloria Close.

This was quite an adventure and for me, and probably for most of the people involved it was an exciting and interesting experience.

*Jessica Sproxton, 2S*

## LOWER SIXTH BIOLOGY FIELD COURSE 1988

On Monday morning, May 9th there was a look of dread on all faces as we embarked in the minibus for Marle Hall and a jolly week of Biology with Mrs. Lowe. The generally uneventful journey was only brightened up by a lively display of keep-fit in a public car park.

Included in the week's activities were trips to the limestone area of the Great Orme, to a rocky shore on the Island of Anglesey and of course the event that no field course should be without - a trip to study the species in a nearby river. The inevitable happened; Lorraine fell into the stream and retaliated by dunking the innocent "Nobby" who in turn retaliated by soaking Kath and so on. In the fray, Michael's watch went on a secret voyage down the river, never to be seen again.

The "Wally of the Week" award goes jointly to Sue Davis and Jane Pritchard who, in their infinite wisdom managed to get stuck in a bog on a sandy beach! In an attempt to escape, both decided to sit down in the bog (very strange!) to study the foliage more closely. Going home in the minibus they both had to dangle out of the window to dispel the awful stench.

The highlights of the week were an educational visit to a pub (I will gloss over Philip Reah's indiscreet remarks), the Rhyl Sun Centre where I endeavoured to get a tan in 30 minutes on a sun-bed, and the early morning jogging sessions led by Mrs. Lowe and Rowena (renamed Ro-bok after her running shoes).

All in all the general consensus from the Biology Clan of 88 was that an enjoyable week was had by all.

Neil Morland, L6



## THE SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN EXPEDITION 26 MAY – 3 JUNE

On Thursday 26 May we left in the minibus at 6 a.m. for the Brae of Achnahaird in Wester Ross, North West Scotland. We (Maia Beckett, Joanna Pinfold, Johanna Watts, Simon Hollands, John Monks, Neil Morland, Alex Austin and John Ratcliffe) arrived 13 hours later.

The views from the campsite by the sea made up for its conditions; there was no hot water nor showers and the four sinks were too small for proper washing, so we washed our hair under the cold water tap in the open. But over breakfast we could see the mountains of Wester Ross in all their glory, a compound of green-blue Atlantic and deep red Torridonian sandstone.

On Friday morning, 27 May we set off early in order to complete the highest climb of the week - over Cul Beag, 2532 feet - on the very first day. On Saturday we walked on the Beinn an Eoin range, over three peaks of about 2000 feet. Sunday's target was Stac Pollaidh (or Stock Polly in its anglicised form) and after a comfortable walk around a loch, the majority of us managed to stagger up the steep slope to the summit ridge at 2300 feet.

On Monday 30 May the staff generously offered us the choice of a boat trip around the Summer Isles or another slog - this time up Ben Mor Coigach - including three peaks and finishing with a 10 mile cross country walk back to the campsite.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were due to be devoted to a three day backpacking trek, to include the ascents of the spectacular peaks of Suilven and Cul Mor, and we pitched our tents in the pouring rain at the base of Suilven on Tuesday evening, after a long walk in from Inverkirkraig on the coast. On Wednesday we woke in blazing sunshine and climbed Suilven - an amazing knife-edged ridge nearly three miles long with soaring peaks and superb views of the surrounding countryside - then set off for Cul Mor. On the way the wind got up and the rain poured down and on arrival at the second camp, those in charge decided to abandon the project, putting themselves in our good books for ever.

The result of this was that Thursday was a rest day and we left for home on Friday feeling refreshed after a marvellous week in one of the most spectacular mountain districts in the United Kingdom. Our thanks go to Mr. Shearn as expedition organiser, and Mrs. Albon and Mr. Simpson for joining in and helping to take us all.

Alex Austin  
John Ratcliffe

### A FEW HOWLERS

*Once again the doleful task of marking was relieved by a few amusing statements from the candidates:*

*"The process, (separation of dyes on a piece of filter paper) is called constipation". (1st form chem)*

*"Chlorine is used in swimming pools to sterilise the swimmers". (3rd form chem)*

## VACANCES EN FRANCE

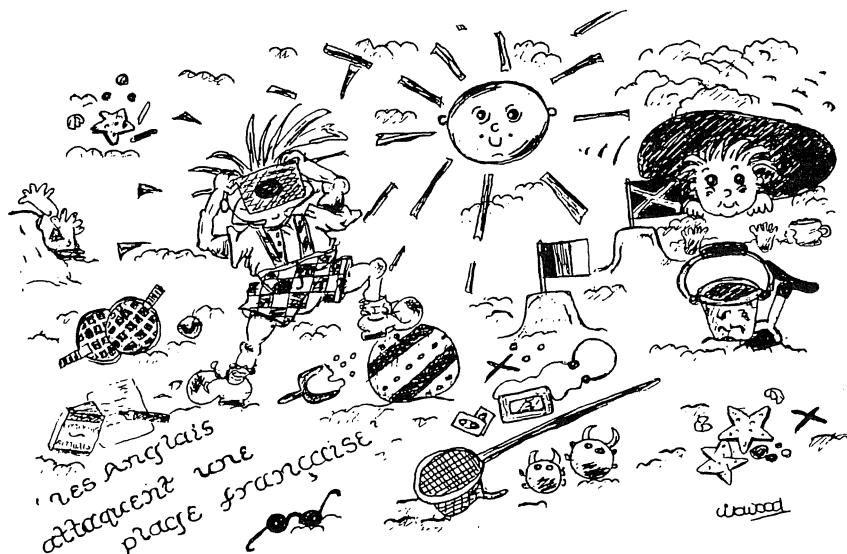
Après avoir passé un séjour formidable en Bretagne, nous sommes heureux ~~Se~~ d'avoir la possibilité de vous raconter ce qui s'est passé. Étant donné que nous étions accompagnés par les professeurs les plus aimables de l'école . . . les plus à la mode, les plus gentils (etc. etc.), nous nous sommes amusés aussi bien que possible. Avec du soleil brûlant et de la nourriture excellente, nous nous sommes bronzés au même temps que nous avons grossi. En mangeant des pains au chocolat et des gaufres nous nous sommes promenés sur les rues françaises avec un air soupçonneux.

A cause du fait que nous avions déjà visité tous les châteaux et les musées environ quatre fois, nous étions forcés de trouver autre chose à faire. Avec un manque de magasins et de garçons beaux (anglais ou français!) nous avons dû acheter des shorts lumineux, visiter des cafés et nous faire bronzer toute la journée.

Pleines de bière française et avec un accent français/anglais presque perfectionné, nous sommes retournés en Angleterre. Les vacances s'étaient vraiment bien passées.

*subtil*

Rowena Wade  
Liz Wood



## GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP, 4-6 JULY

### MONDAY 4TH :

By minibus to Kirby Stephen in Cumbria with Mrs. Albon, Mr. Simpson, Carolyn Pain, Helen Farmer, Beccy Palmer, Neil Morland, Alex Austin, Steven Blundell, Alasdair Kenneth, Simon Longstaff, Merrick Feast, Alan Kerr and Adam Hill. On the way we examined a quarry which showed a fine unconformity, then went on to look at an ancient beach deposit until hordes of midges drove us off to see the world-famous glacial erratics at Norber on the slopes of Ingleborough mountain.

Afterwards on to the Youth Hostel at Kirby Stephen where we were to stay. After checking in, having a meal, and working for an hour, we went out.

### TUESDAY 5TH :

Visited two road cuttings and examined the rock features found there. Then on to the Shap pink granite quarry where we had to wait until they had finished blasting before we could go in. Looked at some rocks with pretty colours and super shapes. Back to the minibus and off to see some dykes (igneous intrusions) in a stream valley. To the Youth Hostel for a meal, then out again to see a limestone pavement - only to be beaten back by the weather soon after our arrival.

### WEDNESDAY 6TH :

First stop a desert-sandstone river cliff with interesting rock formations, then back to Kirby Stephen to examine the local building materials used in the town. The next visit was to Garsdale to see the Sedgewick Geological Trail which lies around the famous Dent fault. Adam Sedgewick, one of the founders of geological science was born in the village of Dent.

This was our last visit: we followed it by driving home down the M6. On the way Alasdair lost at "Donkey" (the card game) and had to pay a forfeit. Its nature was too improper to be revealed in "The Record". Mrs. Albon and Mr. Simpson deserve all our thanks for organising the expedition.

Rhys Davies

## A VISIT TO CHATTERLEY WHITFIELD MINING MUSEUM

On arriving at the mine entrance (in Tunstall, near Stoke-on-Trent), we were given protective helmets with lamps on to wear and told to remove items like watches. Apparently the batteries could give sparks which might ignite the methane gas down the shafts and cause explosions.

Underground the air felt stuffy, despite the immense size of the tunnels. To demonstrate the dangers, we were shown some wooden pit props holding the roof up where it had collapsed. After meeting two retired pit ponies we climbed into a small train which took us on a journey through the mine tunnels and then out again into the fresh open air.

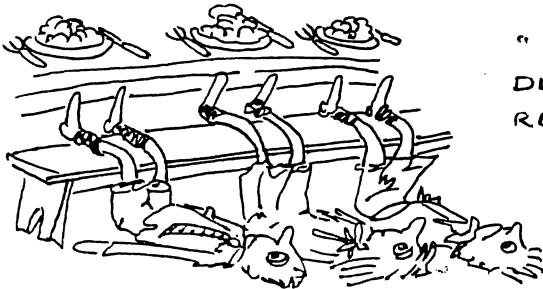
All in all it was a very worthwhile and enjoyable trip.

Emma Cooper  
Ruth Westbury (both 1s)

## PEMBROKESHIRE DIARY 1988

- An account of the canoeing/walking trip to Pembrokeshire, July 1988.  
Those taking part: Paul Winsper, Gordon O'Dell, Richard Russell, Martin Ashfield, Robin Harris, Greg Knight, Lorna Stone, Gail Kenton, Louise Hollands and Old Scholars Tracey Mitchell and Liam Hurley. Staff members were Mrs. Albon, Fraulein Waltraud Unterkircher, Mr. Cowell and Mr. Kopp.
- July 24 Pitch camp at St. Davids in evening; windy conditions.
- July 25 1.00 hrs - Storm force 9 with rain. Four tents blow down, all others leak. Even Mr. Kopp wakes up. Waltraud is surprised that "Nobody complains and everyone seems cheerful". Democratic decision not to cut and run. Girls take over minibus as sleeping quarters. All walk to Whitesands Bay; boys go swimming.
- July 26 Wind drops enough for a few hours canoeing in the safety of Solva harbour; even so, many capsizes. Some walk along cliffs from Porth Clair to Solva. Spend evening in rock climbing.
- July 27 Wind abates considerably. Walkers visit the north coast and do a 10 mile hike. Canoeists paddle from Porth Clair to Solva in heavy swell; seasickness narrowly avoided. Evening spent flying kites and footballing.
- July 28 More rain and wind. Committee consent deems walking and canoeing both impossible. Strike camp in pouring rain and come home a day early. The expedition leader compliments all concerned on doing so well in the face of such adversity. No wonder we beat the armada.

D.C.



" THESE SCHOOL  
DINNERS ARE A  
REAL KNOCKOUT !! "

## PEBBLE MILL

In the Summer Term Mr. Green and Mr. Dobell led a group of 3rd formers to the BBC studios at Pebble Mill in Birmingham. An interesting and informative tour took us to radio music and drama studios and to the main television studio where we saw Geoff Capes and a 'J.R.' lookalike interminably rehearsing a ten second pop record mime.

The only disappointment of the day came when the sound effects library proved to be incapable of providing the sound of "someone treading in a cow pat" demanded by one of the students! One would have thought that for £90 million a year . . . .

L.C.G.

## SCHOOL REGISTER

### WELCOME, Autumn '87 - Summer '88

Stephen Miles (to 3M), Cindy Swanston (to 3S), Daniel Couldrey (to 3S),  
Sofie Wardle (to 4M), Melanie Ellis (to 4S), Gail Kenton (to 5M)

### WELCOME, Autumn 1988

1M : Brett Allard, David Baker, Simon Bartholomew, David Beck, Matthew Bentley,  
James Cox, Paul Gilks, Matthew Gwynn, Paul Hickman, James Horn,  
Charles Kay, Jonathan Morgan, Jamie Pinfield, Russell White, Tracy Bruce,  
Karalyn Chisholm, Dawn Davies, Sarah Edwards, Diane Freeman, Zoe Hayward,  
Natalie Hill, Helen Holdsworth, Emma Massey, Julia Moody, Rebecca Neville  
Jacqueline Newby, Jessica Paul, Lisa Pennells, Sarah-Jane Tandy, Gemma Ward  
1S : Christopher Beeks, Neil Edden, Richard Evans, Toby Fisher, Philip McCarthy,  
Andrew Maher, Steven Perks, Paul Phillips, Alex Rogers, David Selby,  
James Stacey, Philip Viner, Steven Wasley, Rachel Ashfield, Sharon Burgess,  
Claire Burgoine, Joanne Clark, Elizabeth Cooper, Helen Davis, Joanna Lisle,  
Faye Marchant, Rachel Moulson, Hannah Nardini, Margaret Newey, Hannah Pugh,  
Joanne Snoswell, Sarah Whale, Elizabeth White, Hannah Williams, Aniela Wyspianska  
L6 : Stuart Beamish, David Gossage, Rachael Woodhouse, Rhidian Kingdom,  
Lisa Goode (from St. Benedict's High School). Michael Bratt, Stefan Newell,  
John Kewley, Andrew Miles, Jeremy Taylor, Fiona Blakeley (from Evesham High  
School); Amy Corbett, Lucinda Sumner, Patrick Andrews, Stephen Faulks,  
Alistair Moore, Leah Smith, Darren Swayne, Mark Taylor, Emma Baker, Gayle  
Kember, Michelle Peters, Rhiannon Ransome, Rosalind Morris, Nicola Morrison,  
Karen Mostyn (from Alcester High School);  
Sophia Ratcliffe, Richard Green (from Stratford High School); Stephanie Barton,  
Sharon Orr, Rebecca Page, Simon Titterton (from Henley High School);  
Ruth Clark, Stephen Ashworth, Julian Cole, Antony Cooper, Martin Higgins,  
Jonathan McClellan, Steven Moore, Michael Roberts, (from Studley High School);  
Lucille Banham, Philippa Hale, Geraldine Scott, (from Kingsey School, Leamington),  
Kate Green (from Alice Ottley School, Worcester), Louise King (from Malvern Hall),  
Justin Innes (from KES), James Canning (from Warwick School), Holly Andrews  
(from SWCFE).

TO OTHER FORMS : Alistair Levine, Ben Lee and Lucy Moulston (all to 2S);  
Jonathan Hartland and Sally Hill (to 3M).

### FAREWELL, Autumn '87 - Summer '88

Catherine Jones (from 1M), Stuart Galloway (from 2M), Sarah Galloway (from 5M),  
Victoria Harvey (from 2M), Lisa Travell (from 3M), Sarah Brownsword (from 3S),  
Victoria Newman (from 2S), Sarah Walden (from 1S), Catherine Walden (from 4S),  
Philippa Richards (from 1S), Sarah Richards (from 1S), Sally Watson (from 1M),  
Catherine Thomas (from 1M), Lee Wright (from 1S), Tamsin Mountford (from 3M),  
Rebecca Mountford (from 1M), Elizabeth Hammersley, Karen Brooks and Jason  
Smith (all from L6), Louise Barney (from U6).

### FAREWELL, Summer '88

#### Fifth Form Leavers:

James Hutson, Melanie Jewitt, Claire Jewitt, Claire Beaumont, David Blackburn,  
Stephen Newby, Claire Allen, Zoe Ford, Tracey Jones and Antony White.

**U6DCM:**

Laurence Brain, Martin Creese, Steven Doyle, Robert Jones, Richard Masterson, Roger Payne, Pirie Gaunt, Julie Grindle, Rachael Sawtell, Lara Sutton, Philippa Wood, Louise Jervis, Emma Maloney, Sarah Myring.

**U6LCG:**

Iain Dale, Steven Day, Anthony Higgins, Mark Ingram, Toby Lenehan, Paul Maries, Stuart Teasdale, Ian Whitehead, Jane Duggan, Fiona Gilroy, Amanda Heath, Andrea Mayneord, Georgina Reid, Shona Ritchie.

**U6MEA:**

Renny Badham, Christopher Brazier, Jonathan Dale, Damon Foster, Robert Russell, Maria Burdett, Sarah Hamblin, Lisa Hill, Diane Hims, Yasmin Khan, Kate McClellan, Hayley Monks, Rachel Savage, Helen Wright.

**U6RJR:**

Nicholas Cole, Duncan Edwards, Robert Horner, Matthew Pinfield, Kerith Rees, David Watson, Nicholas Bunting, Martin Lewis, Rebecca Bubb, Helen Blakeley, Clare Field, Joanne Humphries, Helen Miles, Xanthe Ryle, Wendy Smith, Clare Wolfe.

**U6RPM:**

Paul Davies, James Beck, Richard Green, Luke Harman, Christopher Holt, Mark Seed, David Wells, Derek Close, Bruce Kirby, Caroline Beacon, Katarina Bellamy, Maria Canning, Sarah Harman, Susan Lindsay, Angela McKenzie, Wendy Quinney, Jennifer Taylor.



## OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

Kim Watton (1976-81) was awarded the degree of BA, class 2(i) in three dimensional ceramics at Sunderland Polytechnic in 1987.

Lisa Gascoigne (1977-85) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 1 in Physiology and Zoology at the Royal Holloway and Bedford College in the University of London.

Sallie Gill (1977-84) has been awarded the degree of BEd, class 2(i) in Mathematics at the University of Exeter. She hopes to find a teaching post in Plymouth in due course. At the moment she has a temporary post as a teacher of English to Spanish and Italian children.

Sarah Longstaff (1976-83) has been awarded the degree of MB, BS (Lond.) at St. George's Hospital Medical School and has begun her career in medicine in Surrey.

Sian Hughes (1977-84) has been awarded the degree of BA, class 1, in Administration at the University of Strathclyde.

Mair Hughes (1976-83) has been awarded the degrees of BM, BS and B.Med.Sci. at the University of Nottingham, and is to do her pre-registration year at Norwich and Norfolk Hospital.

Philip Wright (1976-83) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 2(i) in Management Science at the University of Swansea.

David Holloway (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 2(i) in Mining Engineering at the University of Cardiff.

Nicholas Harris (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 2(ii) in Electronic Engineering at the University of Bath and is to take an MSc course.

Simon Crick (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BA, class 2(ii) in Economics at the University of Essex.

Clare Leavesley (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BA, class 2(i) in History and Education at The College of St. Paul and St. Mary, Cheltenham.

Kevin Brannan (1983-85) has been awarded the degree of BA, class 2(ii) in Geography at the University of Swansea.

Susan Newell (1979-85) has been awarded the Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapists.

Claire Linfoot (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BA, class 2(i) in Land Economics at the University of Cambridge.

Julian Murgatroyd (1979-85) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 2(i) in Physics at the University of Birmingham.

James Leek (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 2(ii) in Physics at the University of Birmingham.

Mandy Watton (1978-83) has been awarded an HND in Hotel and Institutional Management at Colchester College of Higher Education.

Sally Miller (1977-84) has been awarded the degree of BSc, class 2(ii) in Food Science at the University of Leeds.

Alan Baker (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BA, class 2(ii) in Mediaeval and Modern History at University College, London.

Ian Parker (1977-84) has been awarded the degree of M.Eng in Electrical Systems Engineering at the University of Aston.

Martin Bartlett (1978-85) has been awarded the degree of BSc in Civil Engineering at the University of Liverpool.

Jonathan Cartledge (1976-83) has been awarded the degrees of MB, BCH at the University of Bristol and is to spend his pre-registration year at hospitals in Exeter and Jersey.

## OTHER NEWS

Rosemary Jaques (1967-74) is now a Principal Engineer with Marconi Command and Control Systems Ltd., in Leicester.

Stephen Lake (1960-67) is now Headmaster of The Holy Rood School in Swindon.

Andrew Hedges (1980-87) received the Queen's Scout Award in January 1988.

Peter Handy (1958-65) has been appointed Managing Director of Rolls Royce Industrial and Marine Engineering Ltd. in Montreal. He has worked for the company for the past 20 years and was sent to work in Canada 4 years ago. He now lives there with his wife and children.

Mark Pugh (1976-82) has reported from the world's largest sapphire gemfield, near the town of Emerald in Queensland, Australia. He has been doing some digging on his own account and sent the Geography department a small bag of unpolished gemstones.

Rebecca Turner (1985-87) wrote in February 1988 from New Zealand where she is visiting relatives. She expected to start training at the Wolverhampton School of Physiotherapy in September 1988.

Derek Aulton (1956-63) now works as an electronics engineer with Marconi Defence Systems. He is married and has a daughter.

Barry Aulton (1959-66) also works for Marconi as an underwater acoustics engineer at Mill Hill in London.

Robin Holland (1978-86) narrowly missed becoming the drummer of the cult band "The Jesus and Mary Chain". He triumphed at the audition but did not get the job because, in his own words "I looked far too normal."

Andrew Nicholson (1981-83) is to be congratulated. He won £500 in the "Lewise Business Competition" organised by Solihull Chamber of Commerce, for the best small business plan submitted.

Adrian Blundell (1975-82) has been awarded a scholarship to study for second degree at the Institute of Fine Arts in Chicago. He has spent the past year seeing Australia.

Stephen Shirley (1976-83) was awarded the degree of BSc class 2(ii) in Maritime Studies at the University of Wales in 1987. He has since passed out from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and holds a commission as a lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Transport. He is stationed in Surrey.

Alison Grubb (1980-85) entered Manchester Polytechnic in September 1988 to read for a BA Honours degree in Retail Marketing.

Richard Catherall (1983-85) has just completed his advanced jet training with the RAF and has been appointed a flying instructor.

Tom Seeney (1967-74) is working as a geologist in Gabon, West Africa, where he lives with his wife Nancy and their three sons.

Mike Seeney (1969-76) now works for a boat building firm in Tasmania. In his spare time he is building an ocean-going craft for himself.

John Seeney (1975-77) is at the English College in Valladolid in Spain, in training for the priesthood. He is to receive the diaconate next Easter.

Mary Seeney (1966-73) now lives in Bristol with her husband Iain and their two children.

Alistair Rowley (1973-80) is now doing well as a computer salesman in London.

Karon Woodward (1979-86) is looking forward to a year in Annency in the middle of her course in French and Drama at Roehampton College.

Simon Plummer (1969-76) is working in cancer research in Melbourne, Australia.

Fiona Girvan (1978-80) now works as a telephone engineer for a company in New Jersey, USA.

Louise Barney (1985-87) is to go to Leicester Polytechnic to take an HND in Business and Finance.

James Couchman (1980-87) is to read for a degree in Theology and French at the University of Kent.

Daniel Gauntlett (1985-87) is to read for a degree in Music at the University of York.

Rosalind Green (1985-87) is to read for a degree in The History of Art at the University of Sussex.

Stephen Hall (1979-86) is to read for a degree in Philosophy at the University of York.

Julie Young (1985-87) is to read for a degree in Geography at the Polytechnic of North London.

Richard Chilton (1973-80) having obtained his BSc in Civil Engineering at the University of Leeds in 1983, and his PhD in 1988 has been appointed Assistant Engineer/Analyst with W.S. Atkins of Warrington, a leading firm of Civil Engineering Consultants. His PhD thesis was written on "Gas Release and Solution".

#### BIRTHS, DEATHS and MARRIAGES

##### Births 1988 :

To Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harrison (nee Michelle Wilmott, 1972-77)  
a daughter, Jessica Louise.

To Alex Lavender (1973-78) and Susan Lavender (nee Wright, 1973-80)  
a daughter, Emily.

##### Deaths 1988 :

Mauricia Bunting (nee Gallagher, 1959-66)

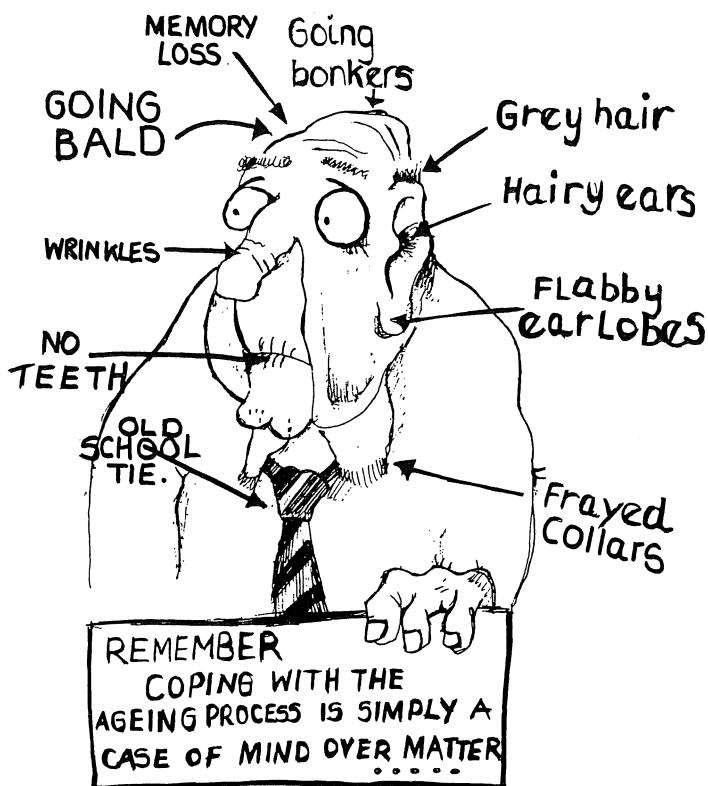
##### Marriages 1987 :

Margaret Scalley (1975-82) to Robert Saunders

##### Marriages 1988 :

Rosemary John (1965-72) to David Wilson  
Lindsay Portman (1977-84) to Brandon Ransley (1976-83)  
Matherine Glynne to Mark Foster (1977-84)  
Caroline Ritchie (1974-81) to Paul Bartley  
Julie Read (1974-81) to Stephen Wedgebury (1974-79)  
Deborah Lupton (1977-84) to Peter Hunt (1981-83)  
Catriona Girvan (1978-82) to Patrick Seeney (1978-80)

# TEACHERS . . .



... If you don't mind  
it doesn't matter!

George  
M.M.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

\* = Grade 'A' awarded; 1 = Distinction in Special Paper; 2 = Merit in Special Paper

### KEY TO SUBJECTS:

a - Art; ac - Accountancy; ah - Art and Art History; am - Additional Mathematics;  
b - Biology; c - Chemistry; cdt - Craft, Design, Technology; cs - Computer Studies;  
ec - Economics; e - English; el - English Literature; f - French; fn - Food and  
Nutrition; fm - Further Mathematics; g - Geography; ge - German; gs - General  
Studies; h - History; hb - Human Biology; he - Home Economics; hs - Health Studies;  
l - Latin; m - Mathematics; mu - Music; p - Physics; ta - Theatre Arts (AO level)

At GCSE level, the subject code alone indicates that grade 'C' or 'B' was awarded. Grade 'A' is denoted by an asterisk in the same way as for Advanced Level.

### AUTUMN 1987

#### Ordinary Level GCE

Jeffrey Ratcliffe - e,el; Rhys Davies - g; Sheila Lewis - fn;  
Carolyn Pain - g\*,hb; Adam Hill - g\*,fn; Sharon Pitman - hb;  
Rachel Marsh - b; Bruce Watts - ec; Pirie Gaunt - ec; Piers King - ec\*;  
Stuart Teasdale - ec\*.

Basic test in electronics (Associated Examining Board)  
Mark Field, Francis Sreeves, Andrew Childs, Robin Harris, Matthew Startin,  
Stephen Walker, Paul Winsper (all passed with merit), Gregory McPhail,  
Joanna Pinfold (pass).

### SUMMER 1988

#### GCE Advanced level - Upper Sixth

Laurence Brain	: el,h,m,gs	Martin Creese	: g,ec*,m
Steven Doyle	: g,m,p,gs	Robert Jones	: g,ec,gs
Piers King	: g,ec	Richard Masterson	: g,p,cs*,gs
Roger Payne	: m,p,cs*,gs	Christopher Ullman	: h,g,cs,gs
Julie Grimble	: f*,fm*1,c*1,gs	Lara Sutton	: ec
Rachael Sawtell	: m*,c,b*	Louise Jervis	: h,m,gs
Philippa Wood	: f,ge	Sarah Myring	: h,ec,b
Emma Maloney	: f,ge,gs	Steven Day	: ah,gs,ta
Iain Dale	: ec,m,p	Mark Ingram	: ec*,m*,p
Anthony Higgins	: m,p,c,gs	Paul Maries	: ah,gs
Toby Lenehan	: g,c,b,gs	Ian Whitehead	: fm,p,c
Stuart Teasdale	: h,g,ec	Fiona Gilroy	: el,f,m
Jane Duggan	: el,h,ec	Andrea Mayneord	: el,f,fn
Amanda Heath	: el,ec	Shona Ritchie	: ah,gs
Georgina Reid	: h,a*,gs	Christopher Brazier	: h,cs
Renny Badham	: ah,gs	Damon Foster	: gs
Jonathan Dale	: p*2,cl,fn	Maria Burdett	: el,f*,ge*
David Lee	: g	Lisa Hill	: p,c,b
Robert Russell	: el,h*,ec,gs	Yasmin Khan	: m,c*2,b*
Sarah Hamblin	: fm,C*2,b*	Hayley Monks	: f,ge,ec
Dinae Hims	: m,c,b	Nicholas Bunting	: ec,m,p,gs
Kate McClellan	: el,m*,b	Robert Horner	: m*,p
Helen Wright	: m,p,b,gs	Matthew Pinfield	: h,ec,m,gs
Nicholas Cole	: f*2,ge,h,gs	Kerith Rees	: g*,mp*,c*2
Martin Lewis	: g	David Watson	: g,m,cs*,gs

Rebecca Bubb	: m,p	Helen Blakely	: m,p,c,gs
Helen Miles	: el,g	Xanthe Ryle	: f,ec,m
Clare Wolfe	: el,g,m	James Beck	: h,g,ec
Derek Close	: m*,c,gs	Paul Davies	: g,fm,p
Richard Green	: m,p,c	Luke Harman	: h,a
Christopher Holt	: m*,p,c	Bruce Kirby	: c,b,gs
Mark Seed	: f,h	David Wells	: fm,p,c
Caroline Beacon	: el,f,gs	Katarina Bellamy	: c
Maria Canning	: f,ge,gs	Sarah Harman	: p*,b*,cdt
Susan Lindsay	: f,ge,ec	Angela McKenzie	: g,ec,gs
Wendy Quinney	: el,g,ec	Jennifer Taylor	: g,ec*,m

Advanced Level - taken in the Lower Sixth

Paul Sanders m\*, Robert Turner m\*, Ian Selby m, Matthew Sreeves m,  
Francis Sreeves m, Nigel Green ec.

GCSE - Fifth Forms

Richard Anderson	: el,h*,g*,f*,c,p,cdt
Martin Ashfield	: el,h,g,f,ge,m,c,cs
David Blackburn	: hb
Simon Brain	: el,h,g*,f*,m,c,p
Andrew Childs	: el,g,am*,c,p*,b*,cdt
Robin Harris	: el,f,ge,am,c,p,b,cdt
Michael Humphrey	: el,g*,f*,ge*,am,c,p*,mu
Gregory Knight	: el,g,f,am,p*,b,cs*,cdt
Gordon O'Dell	: el,g,am,c,p,cs
Richard Russell	: el,g*,f,am,c*,p*,cs*,cdt
Liam Sawyer	: el*,h*,g*,f*,ge*,m*,p,a
Mark Selby	: el,g,f,c,p,cdt
Stephen Walker	: el,g*,f,m,c,p,b,cdt*
Paul Winsper	: el,g*,f*,ge,m*,c,p,b,
Gary Woodward	: el,h,g,f,m,p,he,a*
Lisa Baylis	: el*,g*,f*,ge*,am,c*,b,cs
Claire Beaumont	: hb
Deborah Clark	: el,h,g,f*,ge*,m,b,a*
Sadie Gould	: el,f*,ge*,am,c,b,mu*,cs
Nicola Griffin	: el,h*,g,f*,ge,b,he
Rebecca Holt	: el,h,m,hb
Melanie Jewitt	: el,g,f,ge,m,b,cs
Gail Jones	: el,g,f*,ge*,am,c,b,mu
Gail Kenton	: e*,el,m*,c,p,b,a*
Lisa Larner	: g,f,c,p,cdt
Kerry Phillips	: el,g,f*,ge,am,c,b,a
Kate Ryder	: el,g,f*,ge*,m,b,a,mu
Helen Vining	: el,f,m*,hb,mu,cs
Miranda Wade	: el*,h*,f*,ge*,m*,c,p,b*
Julie-Anne Walker	: el,g,f*,he,cs
Fiona Watson	: el,h,g,f,ge,m,hb,cs
Melanie Wellavize	: el,f*,ge*,m,a*,mu
James Bradley	: el,h*,g,f*,ge*,m,c,b
Steven Brice	: el,f*,ge*,m*,c,b
Myles Davison	: el,h*,f*,ge,am*,c,p*,b

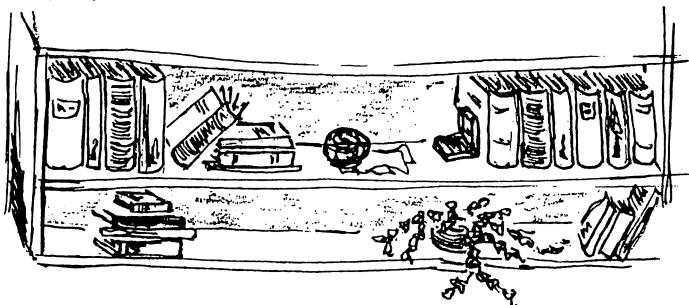
Stuart Godsall	: el,h*,g,f*,am,c*,p,b
James Hutson	: el,g,f*,ge,m*,c,b,a
Joseph Lister	: el,g,f,m,c,p,cs
Gregory McPhail	: h,g,f,m,p,cdt
Stephen Newby	: f,m,c,p
Michael Poole	: el,g,f*,ge,m,c,p,b
Mark Preston-Mafham	: f,ge,m*,c,p*,b*,cdt
Philip Ratcliffe	: el,h*,g*,f*,ge,am,c,p*
Martin Sergeant	: el*,g*,f*,am*,c*,p*,b,he
Matthew Startin	: el*,f*,am*,c*,p*,b*,a*,cdt*
Antony White	: el,f,m*,p,b,a,mu
Leon Williams	: h,f,ge,m,c,cs
James Wolfe	: el*,h*,g*,f*,m*,c*,p,b
Yvette Andrews	: el,h,f*,hb
Claire Allen	: el,h,f
Tammi Clark	: el,h,f*,ge,hb
Zoe Ford	: el,h,f*,ge*
Angela Gordon	: el,f*,ge,m,p,a*
Louise Hollands	: el,h,f,ge,hb
Claire Jewitt	: f,ge,m,b,a
Tracey Jones	: el,h,f,ge,m,hb
Louise Miller	: el*,g,f*,ge*,am,c*,p*,b
Nicola Pearsall	: h,g,f,hb
Katherine Steele	: el*,g*,f*,m*,c*,p*,b,a*
Lorna Stone	: el,g*,f*,am*,c*,p*,b,he
Rosalind Ullman	: e,el,h,f,m,c,p,b
Sarah-Jane White	: el,f*,ge,m,c,b,mu,cs
Rachel Worsnop	: el,h*,g*,f*,ge*,m,hb*,he
Joanne Wright	: el,h,f,m,c,p,b

#### GCSE - Extra subjects taken in the Sixth Form

Christopher Andrews (cs), Grażyna Hominiec (m), Andrew Wood (cs),  
 Maria Burdett (L\*), Rachel Savage (hs), Georgina Reid (m,hs), Robert Jones (cs),  
 Mark Seed (l), Maria Canning (l), Susan Lindsay (l), Angela McKenzie (hs\*),  
 Wendy Smith (hs), Pirie Gaunt (cs), Andrew Guthrie (ac), Anne Broomhall (ac).

#### GCSE - Mathematics Taken in the Fourth Form

Nicholas Blundell\*, Neil Davies\*, William Hunter\*, Helen Bayliss\*,  
 Alison Freeman\*, Rachel Laidler, Carl Davies\*, John Heath, Mark Howes\*,  
 Michael Ingram\*, Paul Kiely\*, Robert Morley\*, Richard Walsh, Jayne Glass\*,  
 Leah Macdonald\*.



## GAMES

### ATHLETICS

In the "Milk In Action" Schools' Cup competition, AGS junior girls team came 5th in the county section and 5th in the regional final. The school came 2nd in the South Warwickshire Inter-Schools' Competition.

The following athletes represented South Warwickshire in the county championships :

Anna Sheldon, Nadine Stone, Nicholas Higginson, Shaun Coward, Martin Ward, Rebecca Holt, Kevin Dyke, Justin Freeman, Louise Jervis, Emma MacDonald, Katie Snoswell, John Webster, Simon Vincent, Leah MacDonald, Samantha Lawley, Craig Scott, Rowena Wade, Yvonne Dover, Anna Jarmy, Ian Clark, David Gardner, Helen Baylis, Robert Morley, Phillip Chambers and Anthony Higgins.

The following represented Warwickshire and thus receive colours:  
Ian Clark, Craig Scott, Anthony Higgins, Nadine Stone, Rowena Wade,  
Rebecca Holt, Helen Baylis and Samantha Lawley.

Congratulations are due to Ian Clark (Warwickshire 1500 metres champion), Nadine Stone and Louise Jervis (both came 6th in their respective high jump finals at the All England Schools' Athletics Meeting), Steven Blundell (scored 114 in an inter-house cricket match).

### CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The results in the South Warwickshire Cross Country League were as follows:  
Minor Boys; 2nd, 4th and 7th. Junior Boys; 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Minor Girls; 2nd and 3rd. Junior/Inter Girls; 2nd, 4th, 7th and 12th.

Inter Boys; 1st.

Ian Clark was Warwickshire cross country champion; Rebecca Holt was South Warwickshire Inter Girls cross country champion.



**GIRLS' HOCKEY**

	P	W	D	<u>Captain</u>
1st XI	11	4	4	L. Jervis
U16 XI	10	4	3	L. Baylis
U15 XI	5	2	1	A. Freeman
U14 XI	12	5	4	E. Pinches, G. Haywood
U13 XI	6	3	1	L. Jones, C. Laidler, E. Waters
U12 XI	2	1		L. Corbett, C. Robbie
(Mixed XI	3	1	2)	

Colours were awarded to Rachel Savage, Caroline Beacon, Sarah Walker and Carolyn Pain.

**ROUNDERS**

	P	W	D
U16	1	0	0
U15	4	2	0
U14	4	1	0
U13	3	3	0
U12	3	1	0

**GYMNAStics**

Colours were awarded to Helen Farmer and Jane Lidsey.

**TENNIS**Girls

	P	W	D
1st VI	2	2	
U15	5	4	0
U14	3	2	0
U13	4	2	0

The U13 and U15 teams both came 2nd in their respective sections of the South Warwickshire League.

Boys

	P	W	D
U15	3	2	0
U13	4	3	1

The U13 team were champions in the South Warwickshire League and the U15 team came second.

**INTERNAL TENNIS COMPETITIONS**

1st year boys	:	Paul Beesley beat Robert Jones
2nd year boys	:	Paul Berry beat Ranjit Chohan
3rd year boys doubles	:	Ian Clark and Nicholas Higginson beat Alan Lowe and Jonathan Cooper
Girls Open	:	Claire Lindsay beat Sue Roberts
Boys Open	:	Michael Ingram beat Paul Berry
Colours to be awarded to:		Claire Lindsay, Sue Roberts, Michael Ingram and Paul Berry

**RUGBY**

	P	W	D	<u>Captain</u>
First XV	13	8	0	Damon Foster
Fourth Year	4			Nicholas Blundell
Third Year	6	1	0	Ian Clarke
Second Year	1	0	0	Paul Berry and Colin Pickstone
First Year	2			Joseph Abbott

In the South Warwickshire 7's tournament, our fifth form boy's team emerged triumphant, beating Warwick School, KES and Kenilworth in the process.

The fourth year team beat Myton High School in the South Warwickshire 7's tournament.

Colours were awarded to D. Foster, R. Russell, J. Beck, A. Higgins, T. Lenehan, S. Godsall and M. Sergeant. The latter were selected to play for the county's Under 16 team.

Ian Clark was awarded junior rugby colours.

**SOCER**

	P	W	D	<u>Captain</u>
First XI	4	1	1	Robert Jones, Toby Lenehan
Fifth Year	1	1		Paul Winsper
Fourth Year	2	1		Nicholas Blundell
Third Year	2		1	Nicholas Higginson
Second Year	3	1		Colin Pickstone
First Year	2		1	Mark Lardner and Paul Beesley

Colours were awarded to Robert Jones, Richard Green, Steven Blundell and Simon Hollands. Both Steven and Simon were selected to play for the Warwickshire Under 19 XI. Nicholas Blundell and Craig Scott also received colours, and were selected to play for the county under 15 team. Craig Millard and Nicholas Higginson were awarded junior soccer colours. We also entered a team in the South Warwickshire Under 14 6-a-side tournament.

The South Warwickshire under 16 five-a-side soccer tournament was won by the school. In the South Warwickshire 8-a-side our first year team played 3 matches, won one and drew one.

**CRICKET**

	P	W	D
1st XI	2	1	0
U16 XI	1	1	0
U15 XI	5	2	0
U14 XI	3	2	0
U13 XI	3	0	0
U12 XI	6	0	0

Steven Jasper and Andrew Smith were selected for the final Mid/South Warwickshire trial.

Senior colours were awarded to Simon Hollands, Toby Lenehan, Steven Blundell and Nicholas Blundell.

## SPORTS DAY - JULY 13 1988

This year saw the introduction of a revolutionary change: Sports Day took place in the morning, rather than in the afternoon as it has from time immemorial.

A summary of the results is given below. An asterisk denotes the establishment of a new record.

### JUNIOR GIRLS (1st and 2nd forms)

1st year 100m	: C. Robbie (W), E. MacDonald (S), S. Howell (S)
2nd year 100m	: A. Simons (S), J. Preston-Mafham (s), A. Sheldon (N)
200m	: N. Stone (S)*, E. MacDonald (S), A. Chalmers (W)
800m	: A. Sheldon (N), L. Corbett (S), G. Bennett (W)
1500m	: K. Snoswell (N)*, J. Bennett (W), G. Canning (S)
Hurdles	: L. Corbett (S), C. Robbie (W), L. Lidsey (N)
"Devil take the hindmost" race	: J. Bennett (W), K. Pegg (N), E. Waters (W)
Relay 4 x 100m	
A teams	: Spencer, Wells, Newport
B teams	: Spencer, Newport, Wells
Long Jump	: N. Stone (S), E. MacDonald (S), A. Sheldon (N)
High Jump	: L. Corbett (S), A. Simons (S), K. Morley (N)
Javelin	: D. Burgess (S), C. Robbie (W), K. Snoswell (N)
Discus	: N. Stone (S), C. Poxon (N), S. Lever (W)
Shot	: H. Snape (W)*, G. Turner (S), J. Johnson (W)

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS (3rd and 4th Forms)

3rd year 100m	: A. Jarmy (W), C. Ashworth (S), T. Mountford (N)
4th year 100m	: L. MacDonald (S)*, S. Lawley (S), R. Lewis (W)
200m	: L. MacDonald (S), G. Haywood (W), C. Ashworth (S)
800m	: Z. Speakman (N), A. Jarmy (W), L. Batchelor (S)
1500m	: S. Lawley (S)
Hurdles	: Y. Dover (S), J. Rayner (W), H. Baylis (N)
"Devil take the hindmost" race	: C. Davies (S), G. Haywood (W), M. Swinn (W)
Relay 4 x 100m	
A teams	: Spencer, Wells, Newport
B teams	: Spencer, Wells, Newport
Long Jump	: J. Lidsey (N), L. MacDonald (S), Y. Dover (S)
High Jump	: H. Baylis (N), S. Lawley (S), A. Jarmy (W)
Javelin	: E. Talbot (N), S. Roberts (W), S. Hammons (S)
Discus	: H. Baylis (N), R. Lewis (W), S. Hill (N)
Shot	: Y. Dover (S)*, E. Worsnop (W), G. Haywood (W)

### SENIOR GIRLS (5th and 6th forms)

100m	: H. Farmer (N), R. Wade (W), S. Gould (S)
200m	: R. Holt (S), A. Bradley (S), H. Tyrer (N)
800m	: R. Holt (S)*, D. Clark (W), R. Wade (W)
Relay 4 x 100m	
A teams	: Spencer, Newport, Wells
B teams	: Newport, Spencer, Wells
Long Jump	: H. Farmer (N), R. Wade (W), L. Bayliss (N) (tied 2nd)
High Jump	: S. Gould (S), J. Pinches (N), S. Lewis (W)
Javelin	: S. Walker (S), C. Pain (N), S. Lewis (W)
Discus	: R. Palmer (S), H. Tyrer (N), S. Coward (S)
Shot	: H. Farmer (N)*, K. Shanahan (S), S. Walker (S)

**JUNIOR BOYS (1st and 2nd forms)**

1st year 100m	: M. Lardner (W), P. Beesley (N), G. Hayden (W)
2nd year 100m	: S. Coward (S), A. Seed (N), R. Cholan (N)
200m	: S. Pickston (S), A. Seed (N), (tied 1st), R. Chohan (N)
400m	: D. GArdner (W), S. Coward (S), S. Jasper (S)
800m	: J. Webster (W), K. Vincent (N), M. White (N)
1500m	: D. Gardner (W)*, R. Jones (W), K. Vincent (N)
Hurdles	: R. Jones (W), S. Ward (S), J. Henderson (N)
"Devil take the hindmost" race	: A. Seed (N), J. Webster (W), R. Chohan (N)

## Relay 4 x 100m

A teams	: Wells, Spencer, Newport
B teams	: Newport, Wells, Spencer
Long Jump	: S. Coward (S), M. Lardner (W), M. White (N)
High Jump	: J. Webster (W), S. Jasper (S), L. Wright (N)
Javelin	: D. Gardner (W), M. WArd (N), A. Smith (S)
Discus	: M. Ward (N), P. Berry (N), M. Morrison (W)
Shot	: M. Morrison (W), C. Pickstone (S), R. Pennington (N)

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS (3rd and 4th forms)**

3rd year 100m	: M. Edwards (N), M. Mattocks (W), S. Miles (W)
4th year 100m	: K. Dyke (N), C. Scott (N), N. Davis (W)
200m	: P. Chambers (S), M. Edwards (N), J. Freeman (W)
400m	: P. Chambers (S), N. Blundell (N), P. Kiely (N)
800m	: C. Scott (N), I. Clark (W), W. Hunter (W)
1500m	: I. Clark (W), N. Higginson (N), R. Green (S)
Hurdles	: K. Dyke (N), A. Grantham (W)
"Devil take the hindmost" race	: M. Edwards (N), N. Higginson (N), M. Mattocks (W)

## Relay 4 x 100m

A teams	: Newport*, Wells, Spencer
B teams	: Newport, Spencer, Wells
Long Jump	: P. Chambers (S), J. Murphy (W), J. Ladbury (W)
High Jump	: C. Scott (N), M. Howes (S), N. Davis (W)
Javelin	: C. Davies (S), R. Morley (N), J. Heath (W)
Discus	: K. Dyke (N), C. Millard (N), N. Davis (W)
Shot	: S. Vincent (S), J. Freeman (W), M. Wakelam (W)

**SENIOR BOYS**

100m	: A. Higgins (S), A. Kerr (W), R. Turner (S)
200m	: J. Ratcliffe (W), R. Woore (N), A. Kerr (W)
400m	: N. Cole (W), N. Morland (N), D. Blatcher (S)
800m	: T. Lenehan (N), P. Ratcliffe (W), S. Hollands (W)
1500m	: T. Lenehan (N), F. Sreeves (W), M. Sreeves (W)

## Relay 4 x 100m

A teams	: Wells, Spencer, Newport
B teams	: Newport, Spencer, Wells
Long Jump	: J. Monks (N), N. Cole (W), S. Blundell (W)
High Jump	: J. Smith (W), C. Shelton (N), A. Yates (S)
Javelin	: J. Ratcliffe (W), I. Selby (N), A. Yates (S)
Discus	: D. Foster (N), A. Higgins (S), I. Selby (N)
Shot	: A. Higgins (S), D. Foster (N), S. Blundell (W)

*VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP*

<i>Junior</i>	:	<i>Nadine Stone</i>
<i>Inter</i>	:	<i>Yvonne Dover</i>
<i>Senior</i>	:	<i>Helen Farmer</i>

*VICTOR LUDORUM CUP*

<i>Junior</i>	:	<i>David Gardner</i>
<i>Senior</i>	:	<i>Kevin Dyke &amp;</i>
		<i>Phillip Chambers</i>

*BOYS' SPORTS CUP*

:

*Newport*

*GIRLS' SPORTS CUP*

:

*Spencer*

*SPORTS SHIELD*

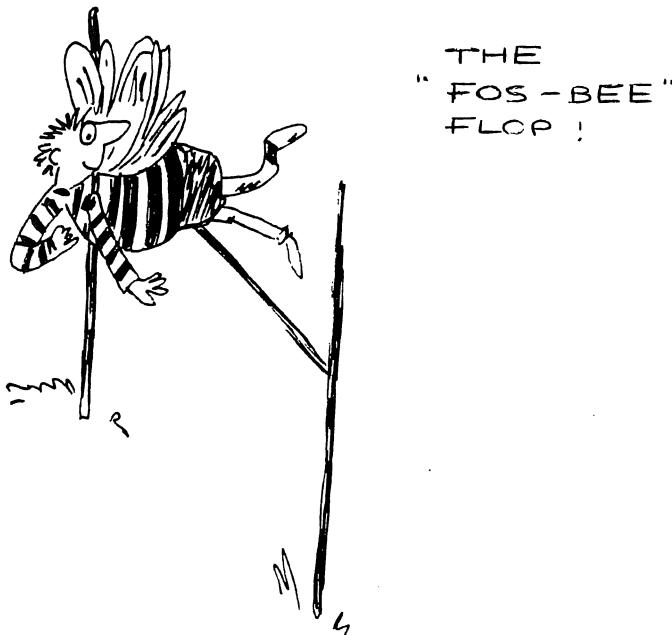
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*Spencer*

The junior swimming gala took place on Thursday July 14th at Studley Swimming Pool. The results were:

- 1 : Wells (30 points)
- 2 : Spencer (29.5 points)
- 3 : Newport (24.5 points)

A great time was apparently had by all. Mr. Maund says that he is going to take his ear-defenders next year.



## STAFF NEWS

Dr. R. Preston-Mafham left us in July 1988 after nearly 15 years as Head of Biology. He came to us from Watford Grammar School. Before that he was working for his PhD in Parasitology at Wye College in Kent, part of the University of London. Students past and present will remember him for his informal style of teaching, for his enthusiasm about natural history and conservation in all their aspects, and for his organisation of the annual biology field course at Marle Hall. Recently he has been involved in the encouragement of a small group of railway enthusiasts in the school and has accompanied all their expeditions around the railways of Britain. He is the author of a number of books including "Spiders of the world" which was reviewed in "The Record" a year or two back, and numerous articles in photographic, ecological and gardening journals. He leaves us to develop the business which he started with his brother as a spare time interest - "Prema Photos" - which supplies colour photographs to the world's top publishers, to continue his career as an author and to raise rare cacti for sale to enthusiasts. We are sorry to lose him and we wish him well in his business career.

There have been other changes. We are glad to record the appointment of Mrs. Julia Lowe as Head of Biology in the place of Dr. Preston-Mafham. She had been second in the department for a number of years and we wish her every success in her new post. Mr. David Young joins the Biology Department, and is also to teach Chemistry, Physics and Games. He is a graduate of the University of Liverpool and has represented his home county, Northamptonshire at squash and hockey.

Miss Sue Belton has been appointed to Head of the Geography Department (can it really be 4 years since she joined us?), and similarly enjoys our congratulations and good wishes. In the same department, Mrs. Alison Jones comes as a part-time teacher. She is a graduate of the University of Aberystwyth and an expert in meteorology, holding an MSc in the subject from the University of Birmingham.

Mr. Cowell leaves us, but only for a time; he is off to North Staffordshire Polytechnic for a year of study leave. In his place we welcome Mr. David Toseland, who has had experience as a Head of Department in London and Essex, and as a sports-tour organizer for Gower Tours.

Mrs. Pauline Gordon joins the Economics Department as a part-time teacher. She is a graduate of Liverpool Polytechnic. Mrs. Judith Smith comes to teach Home Economics. She is a graduate of the Open University and has taught in the USA and in Redditch and Bromsgrove before joining us. Mrs. Tina Guthrie comes as a part-time teacher of music. She is a graduate of the University of Bristol, and taught at one time at Lord William's School, Thame.

Monsieur Stephane Barbier joins us as assistant in the French Department. He is a graduate of the University of Clermont-Ferrand.

Fraulein Dorothea Messner who joined us as assistant in the German Department in September 1987 had to leave at Christmas time. In her place came Fraulein Waltraud Unterhircher. We enjoyed her company and were sorry to lose her in July 1988.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

*We must congratulate the following for their achievements during the year:*

*Mr. Sawyer who won a prize in a physics crossword competition organised by The Institute of Physics in the magazine known as "Snippets". His entry was one of the first three correct solutions to be opened. He contends that most of the credit was due to the Sreeves brothers; we suspect a slight exaggeration.*

*David Wells (U6), who came first in the annual Worcester Chess Congress in the Quickplay U125 and won a prize of £40.*

*Stephen Cowell (1980-82) who passed a rigorous selection procedure to win a place on "Operation Raleigh" - a scheme to enable young people to do scientific and medical research abroad. He now has only to raise £2000 before the end of 1988.*

*Gwen Thomas of the 3rd form who has been awarded a place as a part-time scholar at the Royal Academy of Music, and passed her grade 8 exam in that difficult instrument the oboe.*

*Mrs. Zoe Mahoney, our Schools Meals Supervisor who, with her creation "Raspberry Delight", defeated contestants from the whole of Great Britain to reach the finals of the school meals section of the competition organised by Hotellympia in London.*

## **LATE NEWS**

We welcome Mrs. Priscilla Cameron who joins the staff as a member of the Modern Languages Department to teach French and Spanish. She is a graduate of the University of Salford and worked as a technical translator in industry before taking up teaching.

Isabel Drummond-Murray (1982-84) has been awarded the degree of MA, class 2(i) in International Studies at the University of St. Andrews.

Georgina Haywood and Claire Lindsay, representing Bidford Tennis Club, reached the semi-final of the Warwickshire LTA girls under 16 competition in August.

Ian Lauer, Stephen Jasper and fellow scouts from Salford Priors were awarded the Aylesford Trophy for camp cookery at the West Warwickshire Scouts' annual camp at Claverdon. They also took second place in the Frank Rosebowl Trophy, awarded for camping skills.

Andrea Copping (1983-85) has passed her state finals in nursing and is to take up a post as a staff nurse in the London Hospital in January 1989.

Nigel Braithwaite (1975-81) has been awarded the qualification of S.R.N. and has obtained a post as Staff Nurse at the Royal Infirmary in Manchester.

Robert Sergeant (1980-87), now in his second year at Oxford, has been elected to a scholarship in mathematics at St. Catherine's College.